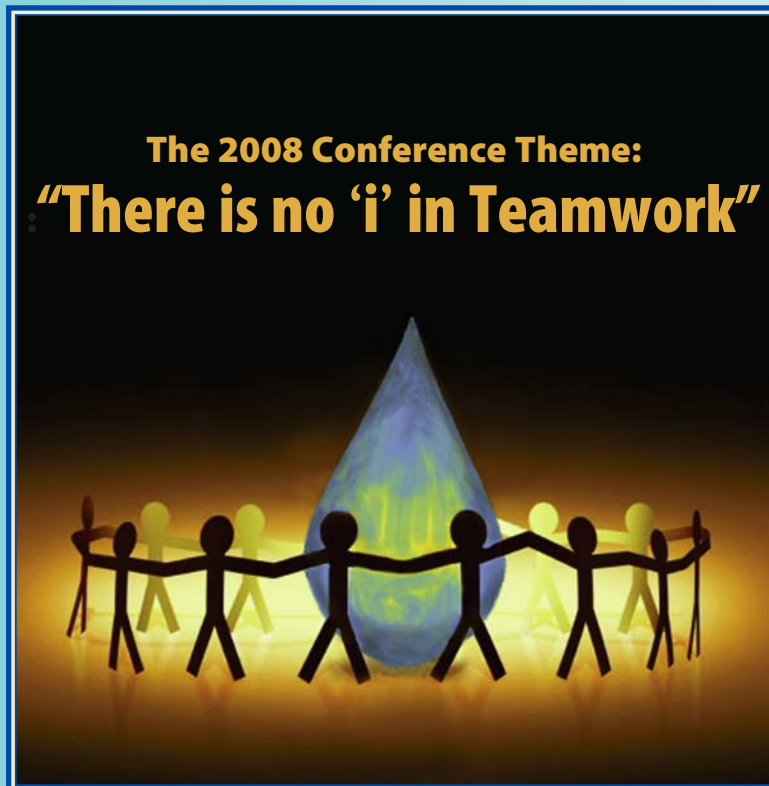


2008 CONFERENCE & Exhibition



The 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition Program is reproduced in this section of *The Kansas Lifeline*.

See Page 82 for a Conference registration form. Call KRWA at 785/336-3760 if you have any questions. Register online at www.krwa.net under 'training' and 'conference.'

The 2008 Program booklets were mailed in early January.

KRWA's 41st and Mid-America's Largest Water & Wastewater Conference

This program is your invitation to the largest water and wastewater conference in Mid-America. It's the 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition sponsored by the Kansas Rural Water Association and participating agencies. The dates: March 25 - 27 at Century II Convention Center, Wichita. With another outstanding technical forum, the KRWA conference provides premium value in content and a budget saving opportunity to shop and compare technologies and prices in the 278 exhibit spaces in EXPO Hall.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

City council members, mayors, operators, clerks, bookkeepers, RWD board members, managers, administrators, industry and government officials, sanitarians and plumbers should attend. More than 2250 people from 300 cities and 195 rural water systems attended in 2007.

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is encouraged. Register for the preconference sessions so that adequate seating and handouts are available. Save \$25 with advance

registration postmarked or called in by March 14. Those who register in advance receive a complimentary ticket to the opening night "Carnival 2008" barbeque and games. **There is a \$5 charge for the Thursday morning, hot buffet breakfast** including pancakes right from the grill, sausage, eggs and more.

Meal tickets should be specified with registration. Registration name badges are required to attend sessions, exhibits or meal functions, including the Tuesday evening "Carnival 2008" barbeque and games.

A registration form is printed on page 82 of this magazine. Copy if necessary. Return registration forms with payment to: KRWA, PO Box 226, Seneca, Kansas 66538. You may also register online at www.krwa.net. If you have a question, call KRWA at 785/336-3760 or e-mail KRWA at krwa@krwa.net.

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

Operator credits (water and wastewater certification) are posted for each session. Verification forms will be in each operator's packet. Check the box at the top of the registration form if you want operator credit.

Conference AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, March 25

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens; Connecting Lobby, Century II
- 8:30 a.m. Spring Golf Tourney; Rolling Hills Golf Club (pay \$65, see registration form pg. 82)
- 9:00 a.m. Attorneys' Forum (for attorneys only; see p. 64)
- 10:00 a.m. Preconference Sessions: 8 sessions begin (pgs. 65-68)
- Noon Lunch: (buffet lunch at Century II for \$10; purchase meals by marking on registration form, pg. 82)
- 1:30 p.m. Preconference sessions reconvene
- 4:00 p.m. EXPO Hall opens: 278 booths; (p. 78-79). Also Poster Board Display and Wateringhole Cyber Cafe' (p.64)
- 6:30 p.m. "Carnival 2008" – barbeque, social, games, \$5000 in prizes, complimentary to all who preregister by March 15 (p. 61)

Wednesday, March 26

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Connecting Lobby, Century II
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Session, Concert Hall (p. 69)
Keynote: Shirley Garrett
- 10:00 a.m. EXPO Hall Opens
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (p. 70)
- 11:30 a.m. Spouse program: Botanica, Museum Tour, (p. 75)
- Noon Luncheon: Century II
Speaker: Todd Tiaht, U.S. Representative, (p. 63)
- 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (p. 71)

- 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (p. 72)
- 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (p. 73)
- 5:00 p.m. Social in EXPO Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet, Awards Presentations, Entertainment: "Ring of Fire" (p. 75)

Thursday, March 27

- 7 a.m. to "Full hot buffet breakfast" (pancakes, the works!),
- 8:30 a.m. Century II, \$5 charge
- 8:00 a.m. EXPO Hall opens
- 8:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, KRWA Membership, Room 209A
- 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (p. 76)
- 10:00 a.m. Spouse Program: "The Magic of Laughter"
Hyatt Trail Rooms, (p. 75)
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (p. 76)
- Noon Luncheon: Century II: Mike Hayden, Secretary
Kansas Wildlife & Parks (p. 63)
- 1:30 p.m. Certification Exam, Water & Wastewater
Classes I - IV, Room 209A (see p. 80 for details)

Map of Wichita, Century II (p. 81)
Floor Plan, Century II Convention Center (p. 81)
Hotels/Accommodations (p. 62)
Registration Form (p. 82)

'Carnival 2008' at the 'Meet & Greet BBQ'

When: Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Century II Convention Center, Wichita

"Carnival 2008" is as friendly and boisterous as any rural Kansas hometown carnival and celebration can be. Along with a menu of great barbeque, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert and social, participate in many carnival games and events to earn tickets for more than \$5000 in prize drawings at 9:45 p.m.

This high-energy conference opener is a treat for all those who register by March 15. The games

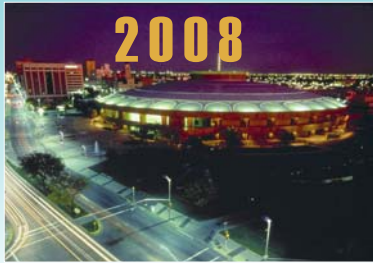


include Laser Sport which trades lasers for lead shot in scoring hits on clay pigeons. Other games including the Kentucky Derby, High Striker, Bug Buster, Machine Gun Alley, Balloon Dart, Basketball Toss and

Armchair Quarterback will test those latent carnival skills never lost from childhood. The Mechanical Bull will be bucking hard as ever; the ArmChair Quarterback is a challenge for even the best. Merle and Linda Windler's Water Bingo will keep players watching their cards to win more tickets. You want to rack up tickets faster? Then take a ride on "The Cliff Hangar" – with three tickets going to each rider each time. Accumulate your tickets all evening and place them in the drawings for more than \$5000 in prizes, including two flat screen TVs, grills, digital camcorder, assortments of tools, and more.



"Carnival 2008" will be a great fun time. Don't miss it. It's free to all who register early – but a ticket is needed for admission so mark your registration form if planning to attend. Register by March 15 to receive the reduced price, plus a complimentary ticket to "Carnival 2008" with barbeque, social and games. If you've never attended before, you'll find this conference opening night a great time for fun and fellowship.

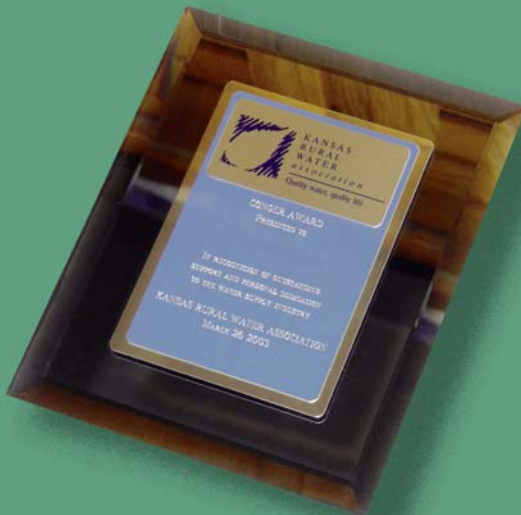


CONFERENCE & Exhibition

Excellence and accommodations

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Best in Kansas



- Best Tasting Water
- Best Consumer Confidence Awards
- Friend of Rural Water
- Rural Water Operator
- Municipal Operator
- Rural Water Manager
- Municipal Business Manager
- Rural Water Office Manager
- Wastewater Operator
- Most Improved Water System
- Special Recognition Awards
- Silver Facet Award by Rural Development

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for the 2008 conference. Make sure you request the KRWA block. Rooms fill fast.

Best Western Airport Inn, 6815 W. Kellogg; Ph. 888/942-5666. Free breakfast; comp. shuttle to Century II. \$72 flat

Best Western Governors Inn & Suites, 4742 S. Emporia, Ph. 866/522-0775 or 316/522-0775; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; king \$59, double \$69

Broadview Hotel, 400 W. Douglas (across street from Century II), complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/262-5000; \$90 (one to two persons). Deluxe king, \$102

Cambridge Suites, 711 S. Main, downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, \$99 Executive Suite; \$109 Studio Double; \$129 Penthouse Suite

Clubhouse Inn & Suites, 515 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/684-1111; comp. full hot breakfast buffet, \$59 flat

CrestHill Suites Hotel Company, 12111 E. Central Avenue; Ph. 888/723-1655 or 316/689-8000; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; studio or one bedroom w/king bed, \$75; 2 room suite, \$149

Days Inn West, 550 South Florence; Ph. 316/942-1717; comp. breakfast; \$65 flat

Hampton Inn, 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/945-4100; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$129 flat

Holiday Inn, 221 E. Kellogg; (formerly LaQuinta Inn), within walking distance to Century II, comp. shuttle to Century II and airport; Ph. 316/269-2090; \$82 flat

Holiday Inn Select, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/681-5083, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$82 flat

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; hot buffet; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$109 Queen; \$119 King

Hyatt Regency, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$113 single; \$113 double; **SOLD OUT as of 6/15/07**

TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 9444 E. 29th St. N.; Ph. 316/631-3773 Ext. 520; comp. cont. breakfast; full kitchen; \$89 flat

Wichita Fairfield Inn, by Marriott; 333 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/685-3777; comp. continental breakfast; \$79 flat, complete renovation in 2005



Speakers and a look ahead

WHAT THIS CONFERENCE OFFERS

8 preconference sessions: Tuesday, March 25; early registration is required. See pages 65 to 68.

48 concurrent sessions: Wednesday and Thursday. See pages 70 to 77 for these sessions.

278 exhibits in EXPO Hall: See the latest in products and services. See page 74 for floor plan.

Attorneys' Forum: For lawyers only, seeking to learn more and exchange information. Invite your city or water system attorney. See page 64.

"Carnival 2008": It's the annual opening night social with more games and events than ever. Win tickets to enter into the drawings for more than \$5000 in prizes. Carnival 2008 is complimentary to all who register early. See page 69.

Special Guests: Representative Todd Tiaht and former Kansas Governor **Mike Hayden**, Secretary of Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks. On this page.

Opening Session & Keynote: Shirley Garrett – Just a Tap Water Girl In A Bottled Water World. See page 69.

Best Tasting Water Contest, Show 'n Tell Poster Board Displays, CCR Contest and Cyber Cafe'. See page 64.

Awards Banquet and Entertainment: Recognition of the Best of the Best, followed by **"Ring of Fire"**, featuring the music of Johnny Cash. See page 75.

Spouse Programs: Wednesday, departs Century II at 11:30 a.m. to go to Botanica Gardens for a noon luncheon and presentation on water and a tour of the Gardens, followed by a tour of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. Thursday morning's program is in the Hyatt Trail Rooms at 10 a.m. for an absolutely unique program by Judy Young – "The Magic of Laughter." See more, page 75.

Operator Certification Exam: The certification exam will be given for Class I - IV Water and Wastewater, Thursday afternoon. See page 80 for information on obtaining an exam application form.

Annual Membership Meeting: Thursday, March 27 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 209A.

Spring Golf Tourney: Tuesday, March 25 at the Rolling Hills Golf Club, 223 S. Westlink (off of Maple and Tyler in west Wichita). This is a four-person scramble. (Name your team members). Register to play golf on the KRWA registration form. The \$65 fee includes green fees, cart rental and box lunch. Remit payment to KRWA. No jeans and no spikes! These are course rules.

Accommodations: See the previous page (62) with listings and numbers for hotel blocks.

SPECIAL GUEST



Todd Tiaht

U.S. Representative (*invited*)

Todd Tiaht began serving the 4th District in 1995. He was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in 1997 and currently serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. In addition to serving as Ranking Member on the Interior Subcommittee, he is a member of the Defense Subcommittee. Todd founded and serves as chairman of the House Economic Competitiveness Caucus. As a member of Congress, Todd has received numerous honors for his voting record on behalf of taxpayers, seniors and American families.

Todd grew up on his family's farm in Kansas where he learned the value of hard work and frugality. Before his service in Congress, he was employed by the Boeing Company in Wichita for nearly 14 years, where he worked on various aerospace projects. Todd attended the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and later transferred to Evangel College; he went on to earn his MBA from Southwest Missouri State.

SPECIAL GUEST



Mike Hayden

Secretary, KS Dept. of Wildlife & Parks

Former Kansas Governor Mike Hayden was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to be the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks on January 2, 2002. Raised in Atwood, Kansas, Secretary Hayden developed a passion for the outdoors, and is today an ardent conservationist and outdoorsman. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Conservation and received a Master's degree in Biology from Fort Hays State University. He served in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star, Solider's Medal and Commendation Medal for his service.

Secretary Hayden served as Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1983 until 1987, and was the 41st Governor of Kansas from 1987 until 1991. Soon thereafter, President George H. W. Bush appointed him Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. In 1993, he became the President of the American Sportfishing Association and served for eight years.